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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

THROUGH January 22, 2002

(Commission File No. 001-15256)

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter) FEB 13 2002

BRAZIL TELECOM COMPANY

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

SIA Sul, Área de Serviços Públicos, Lote D, Bloco B  
Brasília, D.F., 71.215-000  
Federative Republic of Brazil  
(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the  
information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the  
information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to  
the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: January 22, 2002

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

By: /s/ Carla Cico  
Name: Carla Cico  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

# **EXHIBIT #1**



## **RELEASE**

**Brasil Telecom S.A.** informs non-audited preliminary fourth quarter 2001 figures.

### **1) Plant**

<b>Operational Data</b>	<b>3Q01</b>	<b>4Q01</b>
Lines Installed (thousand)	9,864	10,015
Lines in Service (thousand)	8,368	8,638
Utilization Rate (%)	84.8	86.3
Public Telephones in Service (thousand)	273	286
Digitization Rate (%)	96.4	97.3

### **2) Employees**

- For having subcontracted call center personnel and having reduced headcount at CRT Brasil Telecom, **Brasil Telecom S.A.** ended 4Q01 with 7,877 employees, representing a reduction of 1,574 over 3Q01 levels.

### **3) Indebtedness**

<b>Short Term Debt</b>	<b>R\$ Thousand</b>	<b>% Total</b>	<b>Hedge</b>
In R\$	414,894	80%	
In US\$	106,563	20%	98% with Hedge
<b>Total</b>	<b>521,457</b>	<b>13%</b>	

<b>Long Term Debt</b>	<b>R\$ Thousand</b>	<b>% Total</b>	<b>Hedge</b>
In R\$	3,284,059	93%	
In US\$	229,634	7%	33% with Hedge
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,513,693</b>	<b>87%</b>	

<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>R\$ Thousand</b>	<b>% Total</b>	<b>Hedge</b>
In R\$	3,698,953	92%	
In US\$	336,197	8%	53% with Hedge
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,035,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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Out of **short term** debt at the end of 2001:

- R\$89.7 million refer to debentures held by Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..
- R\$7.4 million refer to intercompany loan with Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..

Out of **long term** debt at the end of 2001:

- R\$1,300.0 million refer to debentures held by Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..
- R\$78.3 million to intercompany loan with Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..

Brasília-DF, January 22, 2002.

Carla Cico  
Investor Relations Officer  
Brasil Telecom S.A.

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